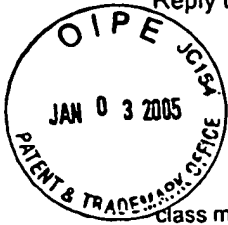


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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks / Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.